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Sent: 7/25/2014 5:11:18 PM
To: Tanaka, Joan [tanaka.joan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: hot issue

Joan,
 Right now, the statement is accurate. We still need to do formal determinations for some of the mills that will state whether they are or are not a part of the site. So, in the future the number could come down. In the PP for Allied, we are going to just say "includes former mill properties" when describing the site. So, I would recommend that we use that phrase.
 I hope this helps,
 Michael

From: Tanaka, Joan
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 11:55 AM
To: Berkoff, Michael
Subject: hot issue

Michael,
 Do you know if the highlighted phrase is correct?

Issue: EPA Conducting Outreach and Redevelopment Talks for Allied Landfill – Kalamazoo

Background/Status: The Allied Paper Landfill is the largest of four disposal areas in the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund National Priorities List site. The site includes five former paper mill properties and more than 80 miles of the Kalamazoo River and Portage Creek, all contaminated with PCBs. EPA is currently evaluating cleanup alternatives for the Allied Paper Landfill ranging from consolidation and capping (\$41 million) to complete removal (\$189 million). EPA favors consolidation and capping because it is a protective and cost-effective remedy, but has not yet issued a proposed cleanup plan for public comment. Over the last few years, the city of Kalamazoo and various public groups had taken the position that complete removal of the waste was the only acceptable option. Since April 2014 EPA, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the city have been engaged in discussions on the shared goal of redevelopment at the Allied Paper Landfill site. Staff from EPA, MDEQ and the city are jointly developing an array of productive reuse plans that could be acceptable to all parties. As a result, the city appears to have softened its position that complete waste removal is the only acceptable cleanup option. EPA has also conducted extensive outreach since the release of the January 2014 Feasibility Study through availability sessions and site tours, the most recent being tours for Congressman Fred Upton on May 27 and Senator Stabenow on July 1, with Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell attending both. A site tour for Senator Levin is tentatively scheduled for August 15. EPA also plans to conduct future outreach at local community events and EPA availability sessions regarding the array of redevelopment plans.

Messages:

- Redevelopment discussions with MDEQ and Kalamazoo have been productive and will continue through the foreseeable future.
- EPA has publically stated that the proposed cleanup plan will be shared with the public in late fall 2014.
- EPA will conduct extensive and varied stakeholder outreach activities through the remainder of 2014.

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